

# SUPERIOR COURT LAW LIBRARY

## RESEARCH GUIDE

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### ***REPRESENTING YOURSELF IN COURT***

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Below is a **partial listing** of materials available on this topic in the Superior Court Law Library. These listings may be used as a **general starting point** for your research. For more assistance with your research, please speak with an Information or Reference Services staff member.

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#### **SELECTED LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES**

"In all courts of the United States the parties may plead and conduct their own cases personally or by counsel as, by the rules of such courts, respectively, are permitted to manage and conduct causes therein." (28 U.S.C.A. § 1654).

"The clerk of the superior court and the clerk's deputies are prohibited from practicing law ... This section does not prohibit the clerk or the clerk's employees from providing to the public, including litigants, information regarding documents routinely filed with the clerk." (A.R.S. §12-281 E.).

"Law librarians, while engaged in their professional work, have a duty neither to engage in the unauthorized practice of law ..." (*American Association of Law Libraries Code of Ethics*).

#### **SELECTED BOOKS ABOUT REPRESENTING YOURSELF IN COURT**

Bergman, Paul. *Represent Yourself in Court: How to Prepare and Try a Winning Case*. Nolo Press, 2002. SELF HELP KF 8841 .B47 2002.

Bergman, Paul, and Albert Moore. *Nolo's Deposition Handbook*. Nolo, Press, 2001. SELF HELP KF 8900 .B44 2001.

Bergman, Paul, and Sara J. Berman-Barrett. *The Criminal Law Handbook: Know Your Rights, Survive the System*. Nolo Press, 2002. SELF HELP KF 9619.6 .B47 2002.

Donahoe, Gary E. *A Defendant's Guide to Survival in the Superior Court: A Primer on Civil Procedure*. State Bar of Arizona, 1994. KFA 2930 .D44 1994.

Elias, Stephen, and Susan Levinkind. *Legal Research: How to Find and Understand the Law*. Nolo Press, 2002. SELF HELP KF 240 .E35 2002.

Houdek, Frank G. *Law For the Layman: An Annotated Bibliography of Self-Help Law Books*. Fred B. Rothman & Company, 1997. SELF HELP KF 1 .H68 1997.

Kubey, Craig. *You Don't Always Need a Lawyer: How to Resolve Your Legal Disputes Without Costly*

*Litigation*. Consumer Reports Books, 1991. SELF HELP KF 9084 .K83 1991.

Lasson, Kenneth. *Representing Yourself: What You Can Do Without a Lawyer*. Kenneth Lasson and the Public Litigation Group, 1983. KF 8841 .L27 1983.

*Law and the Courts*. American Bar Association, 2001. SELF HELP KF 8841 .L33 2001.

Lovenheim, Peter. *How to Mediate Your Dispute*. Nolo Press, 1996. SELF HELP KF 9084 .Z9 L68 1996.

Oran, Daniel. *Law Dictionary For Nonlawyers*. West Publishing, 1991. SELF HELP KF 156 .O7 1991.

Sindell, Joseph M. *Your Day in : Court, Arbitration, Mediation, 120 Questions and Answers*. Lawyers & Judges Publishing Company, 1994. REF KF 9084 .S55 1994.

Warner, Ralph. *Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court*. Nolo Press, 2001. SELF HELP KF 8769 .W37 2001.

## **SELECTED LEGAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

*West's Encyclopedia of American Law*. West Publishing, 1998. REF KF 154.W47 1998.

## **SELECTED LEGAL FORMS**

Leonard, Robin and Ralph Warner. *101 Law Forms for Personal Use*. Nolo Press, 2001. SELF HELP KF170 .L46 1998.

Warda, Mark and James C. Ray. *The Most Valuable Personal Legal Forms You'll Ever Need*. Sphinx Publishing, 2000. SELF HELP KF 170 .W37 2000.

## **AGENCIES , DIRECTORIES AND WEB RESOURCES**

Superior Court Self-Service Center

[www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ssc/sschome.html](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ssc/sschome.html)

101 W. Jefferson, First Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Northwest Regional Center  
14264 W. Tierra Buena Lane  
Surprise, AZ 85374

Southeast Court  
222 E. Javelina  
Mesa, AZ 85210

Consumer's Guide to Legal Help on the Internet

[www.abanet.org/legalservices/publicdiy.html](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/publicdiy.html)

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